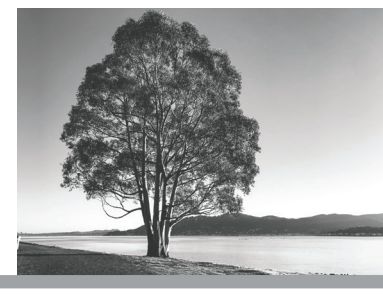
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free sandbags

Tiburon: Blackie's Pasture and Teather Park, behind CVS. Open around the clock; fill your own bags.

Belvedere: Community Road across from City Hall; Lagoon Road at Maybridge Road; West Shore Road across from No. 71; and a self-service station in the Lagoon Road parking lot. Supplies may be limited.

Strawberry: 10 Milland Drive, next to the fire road gate.

get ready

- Sign up for AlertMarin, at alertmarin.org, and opt in to its Coastal Flooding and King Tides alerts.
- Look up your evacuation zone at protect.genasys.com.
- Pack a stay-at-home kit and a go bag, and be ready to shelter in place or leave.
- Move cars to higher ground, and move valuables, documents and electronics off ground and garage floors.
- Sandbag doors, garages and other low entry points.
- Clear leaves from gutters, drains and driveways into the green bin.
- Keep electric cars, e-bikes and scooters out of salt water, and move e-bikes, scooters and chargers off garage floors.
- Stay away from the shoreline and seawalls at high tide, and check on older neighbors.
- Never walk or drive through water of unknown depth.

updates and phone numbers

AlertMarin voice, text and email alerts: alertmarin.org.

County emergency portal (road closures, outages, evacuations): emergency.marincounty.gov.

Tiburon El Niño page: townoftiburon.gov/elnino. Tiburon Talk newsletter: townoftiburon.gov/newsletter.

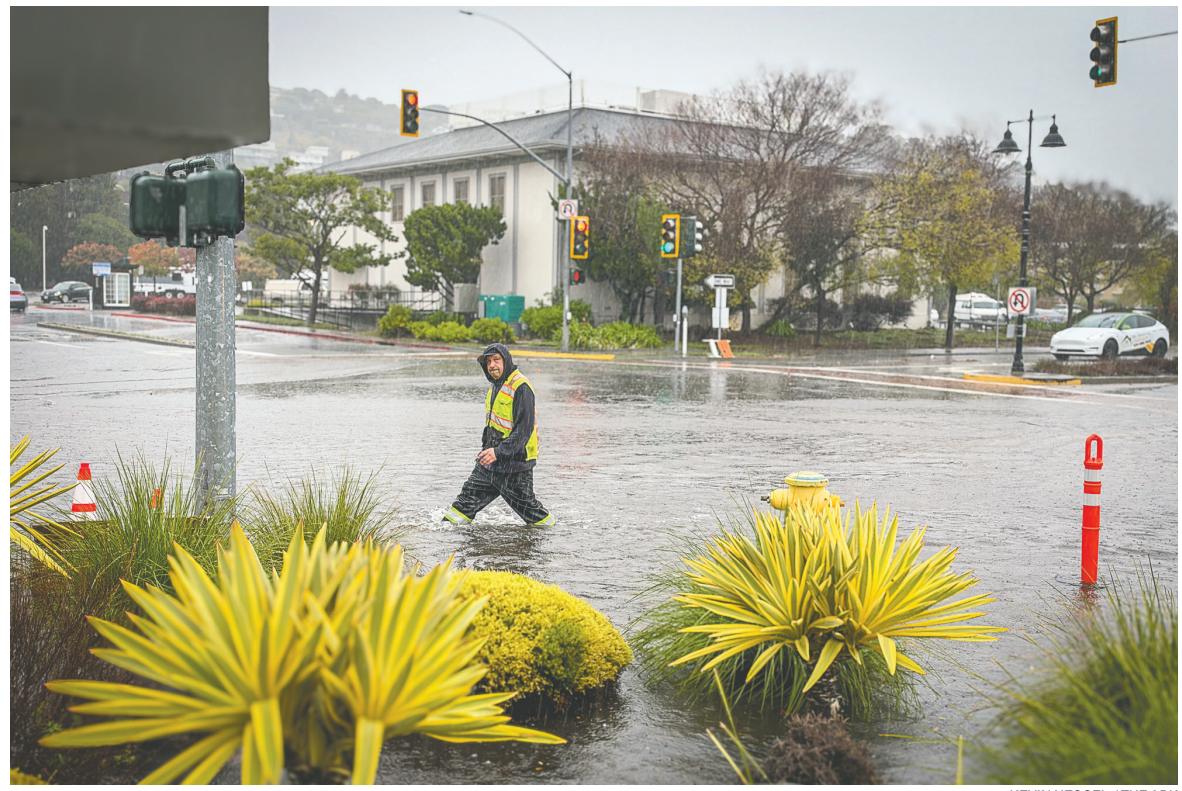
SNAP Radio: 840 AM.

Tiburon Public Works (drainage problems): 415-435-7399. Tiburon police (after hours): 415-789-2800.

Belvedere police (road flooding, barrier problems): 415-435-3266. Belvedere City Hall: 415-435-3838.

Strawberry and unincorporated areas: report flooded roads through FixItMarin, online or by app.

Flood threat prompts evacuation advisory across the peninsula



KEVIN HESSEL / THE ARK

Rogelio Valdez, a maintenance worker with Tiburon's Department of Public Works, wades through floodwater at Tiburon Boulevard and Beach Road Nov. 18, setting cones to steer drivers toward the shallowest water.

King tides could push bay levels near the 1983 record of 8.66 feet

Nov. 18 offered preview as 3 inches of rain compounded high water

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The entire Tiburon Peninsula is under an evacuation advisory as this week's king tides peak late this morning, Nov. 25, with the bay expected to reach 8-9 feet — near its record of 8.66 feet, set in January 1983. A storm was forecast to bring rain overnight, and storm drains can't empty into the bay while the tide is high.

The Level 1 advisory, issued through AlertMarin, is the low-

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Antani poised to win third Reed seat

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Krupa Antani, a former public-school teacher with three children in the district, is poised to join Mike Ghaffary and Shelby Pasarell Tsai on the Reed Union School District board, holding a 54-vote lead over Lina Godfrey with only challenged ballots left to count.

Antani had 2,723 votes to Godfrey's 2,669 in the Marin County Elections Department's count posted at 3:26 p.m. Nov. 20, the most recent before The Ark's press deadline. Ghaffary led the four-person field with 3,751 votes,

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Town reaches $585K deal in wrongful firing suit

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Tiburon has tentatively agreed to pay $585,000 to settle a lawsuit by its former building official, who alleges he was fired for refusing to sign off on incomplete disabilities-access work at Sam's Anchor Cafe.

Clay Salzman, his attorney, David C. Anderson, and Ethan M. Lowry, an attorney representing the town, signed the settlement Nov. 13 after a settlement conference before mediator Matt Wertheim, three weeks before the case was set to go to a jury trial Dec. 3. Anderson provided a copy of the

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Flooding closes nursery school in Belvedere indefinitely

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Belvedere Nursery School on Cove Road Place shut down the morning of Nov. 18 after water rushed into its classrooms and badly damaged the building, school officials said.

With the building closed in-

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